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PRODUCTION OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the shortfall in coal production and capacity addition, may lead to large gap during the Tenth Plan;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether there is inadequate investment and advanced technology in the coal mining;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor, and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to reduce the large gap envisaged between production and availability of coal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a) to (e): The Govt. has constituted a Working Group on Coal and Lignite for formulation of the Xth Five Year Plan. Theissues relating to shortfall in production, capacity addition, investments and steps to reduce the gap are under examination by the Working Group on Coal and Lignite for the Tenth Plan. The report of the Working Group is under preparation.